

Community Interest Group Meeting
April 21, 1999

ATTENDEES:

Ken Askew, FETC
Edith Barill, Mayor of Star City
Larry Bissett, FETC
Vicki Harbaugh, FETC
Larry Headley, FETC
John Kovach, FETC
Ron Kyle, Monongalia County Office of Emergency Management
Ann Levine, Oakview Property Association
Nancy Walker, Board of Education

AGENDA:

PDU and Trucking Update
PDU Potential Emissions
County Emergency Exercise Report (Ron Kyle)
FETC Education Activities
Open Forum
Develop Next Agenda

The meeting began with an introduction of John Kovach, FETC Safety and Health Manager. John will be replacing Dan McCollum as a member of the Community Interest Group (CIG).

FETC PROCESS DEVELOPMENT UNIT (PDU) AND TRUCKING UPDATE:

- PDU construction is about 96% complete, up slightly since the January CIG meeting. Due to budget cuts, the pace of construction had to be curtailed, and progress is projected to remain slow for the rest of this fiscal year (10/98 thru 9/99). The lack of funding also means that operator training won't be conducted as originally planned, and thus there will be no shakedown operations this fiscal year.
- Administrative work to prepare for the operational safety review required by DOE for all projects will continue for the rest of this year. The safety review will most likely occur next winter, followed by initial shakedown operations next spring (year 2000). Construction

activity will pick up again this fall with new fiscal year funding. Once the safety review and initial operator training have been completed, some shakedown activities can be done when construction is about 98% complete.

- There will be no sulfuric acid or caustic soda truck deliveries this fiscal year. The first deliveries will likely be sometime next winter.
- Contract actions for the supply of acid and caustic have still not been initiated and won't be until the shakedown picture becomes clearer. As previously stated, FETC will ensure that truck escorts are provided either through the supplier contract or by FETC, and will request deliveries to be made between 9-11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.

PDU POTENTIAL EMISSIONS:

This topic was postponed. It was originally placed on the agenda at the September 23, 1998, meeting by CIG member Larry Schwab (to be discussed at the January meeting). In January, at Dr. Schwab's request, the agenda item was postponed until the April meeting. Dr. Frank Saus submitted a list of approximately 21 questions concerning the PDU on April 12th. FETC technical staff are in the process of preparing responses to these questions.

As discussed at this month's meeting, CIG members would like a general summary of the responses presented at the next meeting in July, but they do not want a detailed technical presentation. It was agreed that a general summary would be provided at the next meeting. The more detailed written response will be provided to Drs. Schwab and Saus with a copy to CIG members. A technical meeting can also be held with those interested, if needed.

COUNTY EMERGENCY EXERCISE REPORT:

Ron Kyle, Monongalia County Office of Emergency Management, provided a summary of the January 28th county emergency response exercise. A news article from the January 29th Dominion Post is attached for information. Ron thanked FETC for hosting a portion of the exercise. All agencies had a good learning experience and were able to share resources by planning and participating in this county-wide exercise.

FETC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Larry Headley, Associate Director, FETC Office of Science and Technology, provided a presentation of FETC's educational outreach activities. A copy of his presentation is attached.

Larry discussed the science and math initiative that is part of the Department of Energy mission and provided a history of FETC's education initiatives. He also provided information on the "Educators in the Workplace" program and will provide a report on this summer teacher initiative at the July CIG meeting.

OPEN FORUM:

Vicki invited CIG members to the April 30th event that FETC is hosting for the President's Student Service Challenge awards. Over 100 local youth will receive awards for 50 to 100 hours of service. The reception will begin at 4:30 p.m.

DEVELOP NEXT AGENDA:

PDU and Trucking Update
"Educators in the Workplace" Summary
General Summary of Response to Schwab/Saus PDU Questions
Open Forum
Develop Next Agenda